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Dear John:

I had lunch one day with Dr. Shannon and discussed with him the fact that the National Advisory Cancer Council is not asked to review or approve the NCI contract grants. These contracts are currently running about \$40 million a year, as you know, and are a substantial part of the over-all research program of the Institute.

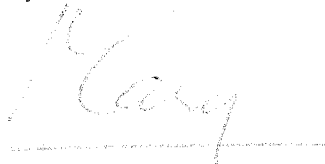
Shannon said he would look into the matter, and wrote me as per enclosed copy of his letter to me. I am also attaching a copy of my reply and a duplicate set of the supporting material I sent him.

Will you please get into the House Conference Report agreement with the statement that the Council should review and approve the contract grants? After all, no Council can have any sort of a comprehensive picture of the research grant situation unless it does know and approves of what is going on in the contract grant area, especially when it is such a large part of the program.

I am off to Europe on the 29th, and I hope to speak with you before I leave.

Warmest wishes,

Yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Mary", is written over a faint horizontal line.

Representative John E. Fogarty
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Washington, D. C.